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Dear Mr. President,

I was touched by your inscription in the Nathan Hale book which the Pumpkin Paper Irregulars gave me and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In introducing me, Larry Silberman, after describing how the President's ability to carry out unattributable activities is undercut by requiring disclosure to Congressional committees, paid tribute to your brilliant response in selecting a DCI who mumbles. I responded that you were too prudent to rely entirely on my mumbling and had hedged against the possibility that part of what I disclosed would be intelligible by arranging for an intelligence committee chairman who can't remember. Sort of double endemity. It was a fun evening.

You may be interested in some of the trivia about the [redacted] which I dug out and I am enclosing a copy of the remarks I prepared for that occasion.

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I hope to celebrate Tuesday with you in California.

Yours,

*Bill*  
William J. Casey

The President  
The White House